



## **Medical Cannabis Grower Rankings – September 2019**

On September 18, 2019, the Maryland Medical Cannabis Commission (MMCC) voted to approve the rankings for medical cannabis grower applications. The rankings announced by the MMCC were “blinded,” meaning applicants were only identifiable by a unique identifier provided upon application submission. Part I (below) discloses the methodology for the ranking of applications. Part II displays the rankings of applicants for a medical cannabis grower license.

### **I. Methodology**

#### **COMAR 10.62.08.05I.**

The Commission, or a Commission independent contractor, shall review for a pre-approval for a license the submitted applications as described in Regulations .02B and .05E of this chapter. The applications shall be ranked based on the following weighted criteria:

- (1) Operational factors will be afforded 20 percent weight, including:
  - (a) A detailed operational plan for the cultivation of medical cannabis; and
  - (b) Summaries of policies and procedures for:
    - (i) Cultivation;
    - (ii) Growth;
    - (iii) Processing; and
    - (iv) Packaging;
- (2) Safety and Security factors will be afforded 20 percent weight, including:
  - (a) Detailed plan or information describing the security features and procedures;
  - (b) Detailed plan describing how the grower will prevent diversion; and
  - (c) Detailed plan describing safety procedures;
- (3) Commercial horticultural or agricultural factors will be afforded 15 percent weight, including, experience, knowledge and training in:
  - (a) Horticultural production; or
  - (b) Agricultural production;
- (4) Production control factors will be afforded 15 percent weight, including:
  - (a) A detailed quality control plan;

(b) A detailed inventory control plan; and

(c) A detailed medical cannabis waste disposal plan;

(5) Business and economic factors will be afforded 15 percent weight, including:

(a) A business plan demonstrating a likelihood of success, a sufficient business ability and experience on the part of the applicant, and providing for appropriate employee working conditions, benefits and training;

(b) Demonstration of adequate capitalization;

(c) A detailed plan evidencing how the grower will enforce the alcohol and drug free workplace policy

(6) Additional factors that will be afforded 15 percent weight, including:

(a) A diversity plan as defined in COMAR 10.62.01.01;

(b) Documentation that the applicant:

(i) Has at least 51 percent of its ownership interest held by one or more individuals who are disadvantaged equity applicants; or

(ii) Made good faith efforts to have at least 51 percent of its ownership interest held by disadvantaged equity applicants, including a list of the names and addresses of all potential owners interviewed and identifying those who qualify as disadvantaged equity applicants and whether any of those potential owners have purchased an equity share in the entity submitting an application;

(c) Documentation that the applicant:

(i) Has at least 25 percent and not more than 50 percent of its ownership interest held by one or more individuals who are members of the most disadvantaged groups in the medical cannabis industry, as identified by the Commission; or

(ii) Made good faith efforts to have at least 25 and not more than 50 percent of its ownership interest held by members of the most disadvantaged groups in the medical cannabis industry, including a list of the names and addresses of all potential owners interviewed and identifying those who are members of the most disadvantaged groups and whether any of those potential owners have purchased an equity share in the entity submitting an application;

(d) Documentation that the applicant:

(i) Has at least 51 percent of its ownership interest held by one or more individuals who are members of the most disadvantaged groups in the medical cannabis industry, as identified by the Commission; or

(ii) Made good faith efforts to have at least 51 percent of its ownership interest held by members of the most disadvantaged groups in the medical cannabis industry, including a

list of the names and addresses of all potential owners interviewed and identifying those who are members of the most disadvantaged groups and whether any of those potential owners have purchased an equity share in the entity submitting an application; and

(e) Demonstration that the applicant meets three or more of the following criteria:

(i) At least 51 percent of its ownership interest is held by one or more individuals who have lived in an economically disadvantaged area for 5 of the preceding 10 years;

(ii) A majority of the current employees live in an economically disadvantaged area;

(iii) A majority of the current contractors live in an economically disadvantaged area;

(iv) At least 51 percent of its ownership interest is held by one or more individuals who are a member of a household that earns no more than 80 percent of the State median household income; and

(v) The applicant has significant past experiences in or business practices that promote economic development and empowerment in economically disadvantaged areas.

## II. Grower Rankings

Ranking	GROWER ID
1	G1082
2	G1020
3	G1067
	G1076
5	G1058
6	G1063
7	G1075
8	G1029
9	G1023
10	G1064
11	G1028
12	G1069
13	G1046
14	G1061
15	G1040
16	G1043
17	G1025
18	G1044
19	G1083
20	G1089

21	G1038
	G1088
23	G1026
	G1077
25	G1060
26	G1070
27	G1084
28	G1021
29	G1047
30	G1018
31	G1006
32	G1078
33	G1072
34	G1027
35	G1106
36	G1079
	G1090
38	G1017
39	G1066
40	G1062
41	G1000
42	G1065
43	G1036
44	G1030
45	G1071
46	G1095
47	G1031
48	G1042
	G1049
50	G1073
	G1103
	G1107
53	G1039
54	G1099
55	G1055
56	G1051
57	G1054
58	G1080
59	G1087
60	G1097
61	G1068

62	G1002
63	G1007
64	G1034
65	G1052
66	G1059
67	G1019
68	G1004
69	G1022
70	G1010
71	G1056
72	G1041
73	G1003
74	G1057
75	G1033
	G1032
77	G1012
78	G1085
79	G1050
80	G1011
81	G1053
82	G1037
83	G1045
84	G1014
85	G1074
86	G1009
87	G1008
88	G1105
89	G1081
90	G1013
91	G1100
92	G1005
93	G1101
94	G1016
95	G1024
96	G1001
97	G1102
98	G1093
99	G1092
100	G1091